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Thank you, Madam Secretary, and to this distinguish Advisor Board for hearing me,

My Name is David Moran would like to express my concerns with the Letter of Discouragement that Energy Field Security's Salus Project has received, not to participate in OCED Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas FOA 0002970. This Hispanic run project is an EMP Hardened modular Distributed Energy Resource facility acting in part to provide AI/ML & Augmented Reality Telemedicine for Delta Health, Delta County's Sole Source Hospital. I think, the single most Community Benefit for any resilient community, in weathering climate & economic vulnerability, is to have Health care for all. Health care for their community, healthcare for the migrant workers who provide seasonal agriculture labor for this region and attract and keep qualified healthcare physicians. These systematic, under severed communities here, have been overlooked in the past by Rural Electrification Administration (REA), an agency created under the New Deal in 1935 to promote rural electrification. Also, these Justice 40 communities has had additional energy disadvantage thrust upon them by closing their coal mining industry. Heck, we didn't have reliable high speed fiber network for this Low-Income overburdened community until 2020. This region on the Western Slope of the Rockies has an abundant, available, natural resource, with an average 265 days of sunshine. The warmest county in Colorado and two contributory rivers flowing into the Colorado river and is one of the most secure valleys in the Continental United States. The Salus Project has Federal, State, Local and our local electrical co-op Utility support. With additional support coming from the City of Rangely Colorado looking to provide EMP and renewable energy training with their EMP Hardened, State funded, Water Treatment project.

Madam Secretary, I have submitted a front-page head line news article from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel dated July 22, 2023 with the headline reading "DIRE DELTA", " Financial struggles create concerns for city's hospital". I am asking you to allow Energy Field Security's Salus Project to participate in helping the DOE create this new grid of grids by promoting their participation in this FOA 0002970 program and or recommend to award a winning concept given by the American Made Challenge Energize Rural and Remote Area contest that is administered by OCED.

Madam Secretary Granholm you are our last hope, and you alone can help us save our Sole Source hospital.

Thank you for any consideration you can provide for our disadvantage community.

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